PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:

- St. Olaf College
- Carleton College
- South Dakota State University
- Bethany Lutheran College

Preliminary Rounds:

- 3 wins/ 0 losses
  - STO EG (Alex Everhart and Kevin George)
  - BLC SS (Rachel Skaaland and Jacob Schneider)
- 2 wins/ 1 loss
  - STO ME (Robbie Menge and Nathanial Engval)
  - CAR ET (Cal Ellowitz and Graham Tierney)
  - SDS WF (Nicole Westerman and Nicholas French)
- 1 win/ 2 losses
  - CAR SB (Ben Strauss and Joe Burson)
  - BLC BS (Alex Berg and Sergio Salgado)
  - CAR DW (Mile Douglas and Chris Winter)
- 0 wins/ 3 losses
  - CAR CA (Ryan Conlin and Alexander Auyeung)

Bronze Round

- STO EG (GOV) def CAR ET 3-0
- BLC SS (OPP) def SDS WF 3-0

Gold Round:

- STO EG (GOV) def BLC SS 3-0
Top Five Speakers (left to right): 5th - Jacob Schneider (BLC), 3rd – Rachel Skaaland (BLC), 1st – Alex Everhart (STO). Missing from the picture: 2nd place – Cal Ellowitz (CAR), 4th place – Ryan Conlin (CAR)

Gold Award – Kevin George and Alex Everhart – St. Olaf

**Individual Speakers**

- 1. Alex Everhart - STO - 84
- 2. Cal Ellowitz - CAR - 84
- 3. Rachel Skaaland - BLC - 83
- 4. Ryan Conlin - CAR - 82
- 5. Jacob Schneider - BLC - 81
- 6. Kevin George - STO - 80
- 7. Sergio Salgado - BLC - 80
- 8. Joe Burson - CAR - 79.5
Topics

Round 1: This House believes smart phones don’t make us smart.
Round 2: This House would rather socialize than capitalize.
Round 3: Case Study:

Victor is the mayor of a small tourist town, Plumville. The town’s main source of income comes from harvesting plums and tourists who visit during the plum season. There are a number of plum-related festivals, theme parks, and other tourist attractions. Plumville has enjoyed many good harvests and successful tourist seasons.

Recently, a local group of cherry farmers wanted a tax break that Victor vetoed. Soon after, some local magazines start publishing stories about the health threats of plums. One goes as far as saying that eating too many plums will cause memory loss and impotence. The stories are a complete fabrication, but they have decreased the tourists coming to Plumville and plum sales are down.

Victor has the facts on his side, but no one seems to care. After repeated press conferences, tourism is still down. Victor can’t sue the magazines; it would be costly and create a public relations nightmare. He instead chooses to write his own stories under a pseudonym. He publishes several “investigative journalism” stories. In most, he simply extols the virtues of plums. However, in some stories, he targets the cherry farmers and accuses them of trying to sabotage Plumville. He has no hard evidence, but has trustworthy second hand information that they are responsible.

In this case the Government team must defend the statement: Victor is morally correct to publish the articles.

Bronze Round: This House prefers a Lombardi Trophy over an Oscar.
Gold Round: Resolved: End the violence.

Team Standings after PLUM 16.4

1. St. Olaf - 91
2. Bethany Lutheran College - 51
3. South Dakota State Univ. - 26
4. Ripon College - 19
5. University of South Dakota - 17
6. Bethel University - 15
7. Carleton College - 15
8. St. Cloud State Univ. - 12
9. Northwestern College - 9
10. North Dakota State Univ. - 6
Season Speaker Awards

1. Alex Everhart - STO - 247
2. Kevin George - STO - 243.5
3. Nathanial Engval - STO - 226
4. Robert Menge - STO - 225.5
5. William Soule - BLC - 171.5
6. Rachel Skaaland - BLC - 166.5
7. Jacob Schneider - BLC - 161
8. Raffaele Triggiano - STO - 161
9. Sergio Salgado - BLC - 154
10. Bayley Flint - STO - 87
11. Cal Ellowitz - CAR - 84
12. Sophia Kaounas - RPN - 84
13. Adam Saxton - NWC - 84
14. Jessica Benham - BTH - 83
15. Luke Cumbee - USD - 83
16. Bill Heinze - RPN - 83
17. Angie Kraft - BLC - 83
18. Ryan Conlin - CAR - 82
19. Justin Flynn - NDSU - 82
20. Caroline Lundt - RPN - 82
21. Jeffery Fricker - NDSU - 81
22. Carolyn Ritter - SCSU - 81
23. Brent Seehafer - USD - 81
24. Jamie Jones - SDSU - 80
25. Daniela Lorenz - SCSU - 80
26. Daniela Lorenz - SCSU - 80
27. Joe Burson - CAR - 79.5
28. Nicole Westerman - SDSU - 79
29. Michelle Frank - STO - 79
30. Tom Ritter - BTH - 79
31. Emmy Smith - USD - 79
32. Alex Berg - BLC - 78
33. Miles Douglas - CAR - 78
34. Sarah Budde - NDSU - 78
35. Kristen Fennell - NDSU - 78
36. Zach Goscha - BTH - 78
37. Rikaela Greane - STO - 78
38. Maureen Palmer - STO - 78
39. Sarah Starling - SCSU - 78
40. Graham Tierney - CAR - 77
41. Kyle Arvila - BTH - 77
42. Rhianon Bloodgood - USD - 77
43. Matt Sibley - USD - 77
44. Nicholas French - SDSU - 75
45. Ben Strauss - CAR - 75
46. Chris Winter - CAR - 75
47. Olivia Tyrell - SDSU - 75
48. Timothy Voigt - BLC - 75
49. Claire Breining - STO - 73.5  
50. Connor Cummiskey - RPN - 73  
51. Shawn Loging - BLC - 73  
52. Keven Sarchkhani - USD - 73  
53. Joe Bosak - SCSU - 71  
54. Alexander Auyeung - CAR - 69  
55. Danielle Jack - NWC - 69  
56. Elizabeth Gordon - STO - 66